

Harrisville, NH



Community Contact

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Municipal Office Hours

**Administrative Assistant: Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 3 pm,
Friday, 9 am - 12 noon; Town Clerk: Tuesday, 2 pm - 7 pm,
Wednesday, 3 pm - 6:30 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 11:30 am; Tax
Collector: Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon, Thursday, 6 pm - 8 pm,
Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm**

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

**Cheshire
Keene NH Micro-NECTA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

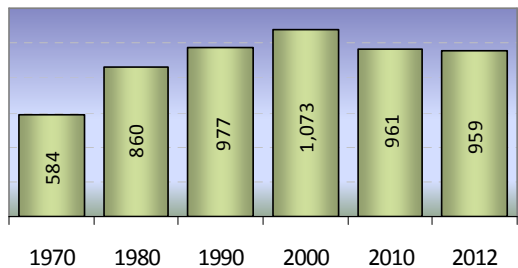
**District 2
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District 10
Cheshire County Districts 9, 14**

Incorporated: 1870

Origin: First settled in 1760, the town was formed from parts of Hancock, Dublin, Roxbury, Nelson, and Marlborough. The town was first known as Twitchellville, after Abel Twitchell. His daughter Deborah married Bethuel Harris, who with his sons built and operated Harris Mills, one of the first woolen mills in New England. After the business was sold, the name was changed to Cheshire Mills. The town was incorporated in 1871 as Harrisville, at the suggestion of Milan Harris, one of Bethuel's sons and a member of the state senate from 1863-1865. The Harrisville Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

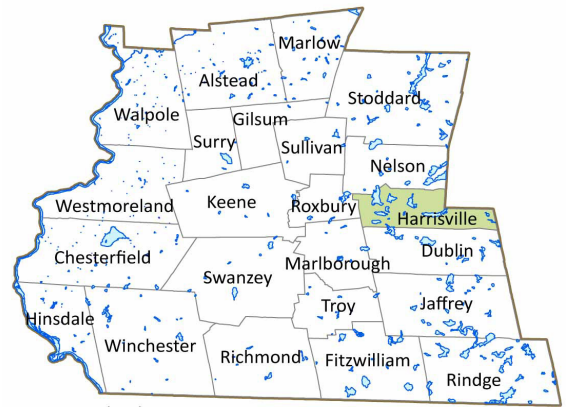
Villages and Place Names: Chesham, Eastview Station

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 870 residents in 1880



Population Trends: Population change for Harrisville totaled 500 over 52 years, from 459 in 1960 to 959 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 47 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the second highest a 27 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2012 Census estimate for Harrisville was 959 residents, which ranked 188th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 51.7 persons per square mile of land area. Harrisville contains 18.6 square miles of land area and 1.6 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2012	\$2,021,148
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Zoning Ordinance	1959/09
Master Plan	2000
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning

Public Library **Harrisville Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full & part-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	11 miles	25	
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	14 miles	140	

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.75
2012 Equalization Ratio	108.3
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.98
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	96.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.4%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2007-2011)</i>	
Total Housing Units	739
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	677
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	35
Five or More Units in Structure	3
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	24

DEMOGRAPHICS		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2012	959	76,851
2010	961	77,117
2000	1,073	73,993
1990	977	70,223
1980	860	62,116
1970	584	52,364

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

Population by Gender		
Male	404	Female 453

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	35
Age 5 to 19	97
Age 20 to 34	105
Age 35 to 54	266
Age 55 to 64	220
Age 65 and over	134
Median Age	51.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	95.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	52.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2007-2011)</i>	
Per capita income	\$40,225
Median 4-person family income	\$88,472
Median household income	\$57,639
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$41,563
Female	\$31,591
Families below the poverty level	Not Available

LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average	2002	2012
Civilian labor force	643	560
Employed	626	533
Unemployed	17	27
Unemployment rate	2.6%	4.8%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	85	102
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 457	\$ 567
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	23	19
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 225	\$ 552
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	108	120
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 408	\$ 564

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Harrisville operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Keene** District: **SAU 29**
 Career Technology Center(s): **The Cheshire Career Center, Keene; Fall Mountain Regional High School - CTE, Langdon; Windham Regional Career Center, Brattleboro, VT** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	41			

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **106**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Harrisville Designs, Inc.	Textile mill products	30	1971
Royal Mail	Irish Imports		
Pear Tree Studio's	Art classes		
Homeland Landscaping	Landscaping & proprty maintenance		
Shaker Style Furnishings	Home décor and gifts		
Harrisville General Store	Convenience store		
SRH Farms	Farming & catering		

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	137
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 3	
	Distance	25 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Dillant-Hopkins, Keene	Runway	6,201 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	50 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		48 miles
Portland, Maine		144 miles
Boston, Mass.		85 miles
New York City, NY		230 miles
Montreal, Quebec		265 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK(*ACS 2007-2011*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	4.6%
Other means	2.0%
Worked at home	5.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	32.2 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011

Working in community of residence	77.7
Commuting to another NH community	17.3
Commuting out-of-state	5.0

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak**

Other: